



Dear Hospice Administrator:

I am writing to encourage your participation in the 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey to be conducted by the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). This survey collects baseline and trend information from a sample of both home health agencies and hospices throughout the United States.

NHPCO has worked in collaboration with NCHS on a number of projects to help improve our understanding of hospice care in the US. Recently the NCHS has redesigned their survey with input from NHPCO. We are confident that data from our own annual National Data Set can be used collaboratively with the periodic NCHS survey to improve our understanding of hospice trends in the country.

Strict confidentiality is maintained in the conduct of this survey and only summary data will be published and made available to health planners, researchers, health professionals, NHPCO, and the public. Your participation assures that the reporting of hospice trends will be based on the input of industry professionals. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely,



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